



January 28, 2024

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

His fame spread everywhere
throughout the whole
region of Galilee.
- Mk 1:28

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Mass Times/Tiempos de misa

Monday—Friday~ Lunes—Viernes
9:00AM

Saturday—Sábado
8:00AM

Saturday Evening
English 5:00PM

Sábado Por la Noche
Español 6:30PM

Sunday Mass
English 7:30AM & 9:30AM

Misa Del Domingo
Español 11:30AM

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Monday - Friday ~ Lunes - Viernes
9:00AM - 5:00PM

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION ~
SACRAMENTO DE LA RECONCILIACIÓN**

Saturdays 3:30PM - 4:30PM

**EXPOSITION AND ADORATION
EXPOSICIÓN Y ADORACIÓN**

of the Blessed Sacrament ~
del Santísimo Sacramento

Thursday/Jueves 9:30AM-through
Saturday/Sabado morning Benediction 7:45AM

PRAYER LINE ~ LÍNEA DE ORACIÓN

Contact Parish Office

Póngase en contacto con la oficina parroquial
(805) 646-4338
<https://stacojai.org/worship/prayer-line>

WEDDINGS ~ BODAS

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(805) 646-4338

BAPTISMS ~ BAUTISMOS

English: Dn. Phil Nelson

Spanish: Fr. Fernando Lopez OSA

FUNERALS ~ FUNERALES

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PRIVATE PRAYER ~ ORACIÓN PRIVADA

Chapel open Mon-Sat ~ Capilla abierta
de lunes a sábado:
10AM-4PM



Rosario en Español

Este Martes

A las seis de la tarde

Rosary in English

To the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Fridays after the 9am mass

Adult Faith Formation next Sunday

February 4, 2024: 11AM English—1PM Spanish

INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES

Monday: 1/29/24	9:00AM	Soledad Lagos † <i>By: The Lagos Family</i>
Tuesday: 1/30/24	9:00AM	Shirley Sinclair Barton † <i>By: The Zatolokin Family</i>
Wednesday: 1/31/24	9:00AM	Ed Langley (L) <i>By: Jon & Julie Teichert</i>
Thursday: 2/1/24	9:00AM	Tom & Annette Cassidy † <i>By: The Quackenbush Family</i>
Friday: 2/2/24	9:00AM	Michael Paietta † <i>By: The Quackenbush Family</i>
Saturday: 2/3/24	8:00AM	Robert Parker † <i>By: Arlene Parker & Family</i>
Saturday: 2/3/24	5PM	Diane Diethelm † <i>By: The Quackenbush Family</i>
Sunday: 2/4/24	9:30AM	Frank & Fernando Moreno <i>By: The Aguirre Family</i>

(L) Designates a Special Intention for Someone Living

*If you know of a parishioner who has recently died, Please
call the office at (805) 646-4338*

Community Kitchen

Join us the first Thursday of Each month

This Thursday, February 1, 2024

Sign in: 9am

Distribution: 9:30-10:30am



Call (805) 646-4338 ext104
for more information & to volunteer.
Leave a message. Someone will return your call

**If you know or see a person who
might be interested**

Lest them know

**By cutting out the top of this
Announcement**

Pastor's Letter

During this brief interlude as we begin a New Year and some 'Ordinary Time', I find myself making plans for the year ahead. We have much to look forward to.

As Lent begins next month, so too will the annual Religious Education Congress in Anaheim. Many of our young people preparing for Confirmation will attend Youth Day. On February 24, we are offering a full day Parish Retreat to be given by Father Skip Thompson. We will continue the tradition of offering Stations of the Cross and Soup Suppers during the Fridays of Lent. Also during Lent, I am very happy to announce we will once again gather to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Dinner, Music and Dancing on Sunday, March 17. During the Easter Season our new Regional Bishop will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, April 28 at the 9:30 Mass.

Following on our successful Called to Renew campaign last year we will be moving forward this year with our first major project which will be the re-design of restrooms located in the southwest corner of the church. Also, I am in the process of putting together an itinerary for a two-week pilgrimage to Italy that will be offered in November. More details on both initiatives will be available in the coming weeks.

With so much to look forward to, I wish you all a joyful and faith filled 2024.

God's peace,
Fr. Kirk

Carta del pastor

Durante este breve interludio mientras comenzamos un Año Nuevo y algo de "Tiempo Ordinario", me encuentro haciendo planes para el año venidero. Tenemos mucho que esperar.

Cuando la Cuaresma comience el próximo mes, también lo hará el Congreso anual de Educación Religiosa en Anaheim. Muchos de nuestros jóvenes que se preparan para la Confirmación asistirán a la Jornada de la Juventud. El 24 de febrero, ofreceremos un retiro parroquial de día completo a cargo del P. Skip Thompson. Continuaremos la tradición de ofrecer el Vía Crucis y Cenas de Sopa durante los viernes de Cuaresma. También durante la Cuaresma, estoy muy feliz de anunciar que nos reuniremos una vez más para celebrar el Día de San Patricio con cena, música y baile el domingo 17 de marzo. Durante la temporada de Pascua, nuestro nuevo Obispo Regional celebrará el Sacramento de la Confirmación el domingo. 28 de abril en la Misa de las 9:30.

Siguiendo nuestra exitosa campaña Llamados a Renovar el año pasado, avanzaremos este año con nuestro primer proyecto importante que será el rediseño de los baños ubicados en la esquina suroeste de la iglesia. Además, estoy en el proceso de elaborar un itinerario para una peregrinación de dos semanas a Italia que se ofrecerá en noviembre. Más detalles sobre ambas iniciativas estarán disponibles en las próximas semanas.

Con tanto que esperar, les deseo a todos un 2024 lleno de alegría y fe.
la paz de Dios,
P. Kirk

	Child's Name:	What did you learn in Mass today?
	Catechists Signature:	



ST. PATRICK'S DINNER

Everyone is Invited

March 17, 2024

5—9:00pm

*More details to follow in the coming weeks—Contact
Marti Reid (805) 798-2888*

NEXT SUNDAY—February 4, 2024

Adult Faith Formation Presentation



Liturgical Music



Lisa Boyd & Bryant Hubert at 11am in English

Alberto Santana at 1pm in Spanish

THE UNIVERSITY SERIES –LENT 2024

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NOW*

During the season of Lent, attend seminars
connecting faith with real life Sessions
Monday-Thursday evenings & Friday lunchtime

*Sign-up available
NOW*

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ALL-DAY LENTEN PARISH RETREAT

“CHRIST’S REAL PRESENCE IN THE EUCHARIST”

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24 | 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

**ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC CHURCH
& PARISH HALL**

LUNCH & SNACKS PROVIDED / FREE WILL OFFERING ACCEPTED

TOPIC 1:

“How Christ taught
his real presence”

TOPIC 2:

“The divine science of
transubstantiation”

TOPIC 3:

“Why the Eucharist
can’t be a symbol”

Presenter: Fr Jeffrey “Skip” Thompson, MSA

Fr. Jeffrey “Skip” Thompson is a dad, a late vocation priest and a revert after years of agnosticism and various stripes of Protestantism.

The Eucharist *wooded* him home! He attended Holy Apostles Seminary in Cromwell, CT and graduated Summa Cum Laude with degrees in Divinity and Theology. After ordination in 2015 he was Dean of Men at the Seminary. In 2022 Bishop Robert Barron installed him in the Retreat House at the Santa Clara parish in Oxnard, CA



Set your Calendar up for the New Year—Don't miss out!

- ☞ **Every Sunday each month** (except the second Sunday*) - **Hospitality:** Donuts, coffee, and orange Juice available after mass. (A small donation is requested)
- ☞ **1st Sunday of each month** (Unless otherwise stated) - **Adult Faith formation—**
The program includes: Prayer, presentation, and time for discussion. A light brunch will be offered For more information &/or childcare. Contact Aina Yates at (805) 646—4338 ext. 111) **Scheduled Topics**
- ☞ **1st Thursday each month—****Community Kitchen:** Sign in: 9am Distribution: 9:30-10:30am Call (805) 646-4338 ext104 for more information & to volunteer. Leave a message. Someone will return your call.
- ☞ **Every Tuesday through March 31st—St. Thomas helps at the Ojai Valley Winter Shelter—**
Donations needed. Our location for Winter Shelter is at the Ojai Valley Grange Hall, 381 Cruzero St. in Mira Monte. For more information online ojaiovalleyfamilyshelter.com or Call Chris Johnson (805) 402-0506
- ☞ **2nd Sunday of each month—*****Life Choices Bake Sale** Contact Maria Doran (805) 649-3491 for More information and to volunteer to bake.
- ☞ **2nd Tuesday each month—****Friendship Gathering:** In the clubhouse on McLaughlin Green After the 9:30 daily mass.. Contact Mary Wood for more information or to bring a snack to share (805) 640-5243
- ☞ **3rd Saturday of each month—****Open Pantry:** Sign in 8:30am Distribution 10:30 Monetary Donations payable to St. Vincent de Paul in a marked envelope dropped off at the church office or in the Sunday Collection basket. For more information & to volunteer call (805) 646-4338 ext.104 & your call will be returned.
- ☞ **4th Wednesday of each month—****Family to Family:** 303 N. Ventura Ave. Next to Catholic Charities. Call the Parish Office for more information (805) 646-4338

GET INVOLVED!

Meet Others or Work Behind the Scenes

- ♦ We need minister to take Communion to the sick and homebound: your commitment is once a month for just an hour or two. It's guaranteed to light up your life.
- ♦ Share the word as a Lector or Communion Minister during Sunday, Saturday, or daily mass.
- ♦ Praying or Helping with the Prayer line
- ♦ Call Volunteers and sponsors for the many ministries of the Church
- ♦ Donate and support those who come to the church with immediate needs
- ♦ Assisting with the bulletin, church webpage, Facebook
- ♦ Helping with the church library or book distribution
- ♦ Donating or baking for our various activities
- ♦ Prepare and/or serve food for funeral receptions
- ♦ Assist with the many food distribution activities by contacting the St. Vincent de Paul Society or giving donations to these activities by labeling an envelop & putting it in the Collection Basked or leave at the church office

For more information see the staff and ministry list on the last page of this bulletin

Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

- INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK-

With one swift command, Jesus freed a man from the possession of evil spirits. He has that same power to banish the shadow of sin from our own lives. Let's invite him into our hearts, asking him to cleanse the darkness he finds there.

Observances for the week of January 28, 2024

Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Celebrate Catholic Schools Week
Monday:
Tuesday:
Wednesday: St. John Bosco, Priest
Thursday:
Friday: The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life
Saturday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings for the week of January 28, 2024

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

First Reading: Moses taught the Israelites that God would raise up a prophet like him to teach them the Lord's commands. But he also forewarned about false prophets. How can we avoid listening to false prophetic voices?

Second Reading: Paul expresses his desire for the Corinthian believers to be free of anxiety so they can focus their attention and energies on Jesus. What distracts you from the Lord?

Gospel: Mark informs us that early in Jesus's public ministry his "fame spread" quickly throughout Galilee because of his powerful deeds, such as the healing of the demon-possessed man in today's reading. Is there something or someone in your life that you pray Jesus would heal?

Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

-INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA -

Con una rápida orden, Jesús liberó a un hombre de la posesión de espíritus malignos. Él tiene ese mismo poder para desterrar la sombra del pecado de nuestras propias vidas. Invitémoslo a nuestro corazón, pidiéndole que limpie la oscuridad que allí encuentre.

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 28 de enero de 2024

Domingo: 4º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario, Semana de escuelas católicas
Lunes:
Martes:
Miércoles: San Juan Bosco, sacerdote
Jueves:
Viernes: La Presentación de Jesús, Día mundial de la vida consagrada
Sábado: San Blas, obispo y mártir; San Óscar, obispo
Domingo siguiente: 5º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Las lecturas de la semana del 28 de enero de 2024

Domingo: Dt 18, 15-20/Sal 94, 1-2. 6-7. 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7, 32-35/Mc 1, 21-28
Lunes: 2 Sm 15, 13-14. 30; 16, 5-13/Sal 3, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/Mc 5, 1-20
Martes: 2 Sm 18, 9-10. 14. 24-25. 30—19, 3/Sal 85, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/Mc 5, 21-43
Miércoles: 2 Sm 24, 2. 9-17/Sal 31, 1-2. 5. 6. 7/Mc 6, 1-6
Jueves: 1 Re 2, 1-4. 10-12/1 Chr 29, 10. 11. 11d-12. 12/Mc 6, 7-13
Viernes: Mal 3, 1-4/Heb 2, 14-18/Sal 23, 7. 8. 9. 10/Lc 2, 22-40 o 2, 22-32
Sábado: 1 Re 3, 4-13/Sal 118, 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14/Mc 6, 30-34
Domingo siguiente: Job 7, 1-4. 6-7/Sal 146, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 (ver 3)/1 Cor 9, 16-19. 22-23/Mc 1, 29-39

Primera Lectura: Moisés enseñó a los israelitas que Dios enviaría un profeta como él para enseñarles los mandamientos del Señor. Pero también advirtió sobre los falsos profetas. ¿Cómo podemos evitar escuchar voces proféticas falsas?

Segunda Lectura: Pablo expresa su deseo de que los creyentes corintios estén libres de ansiedad para que puedan centrar su atención y energías en Jesús. ¿Qué te distrae del Señor?

Evangelio: Marcos nos informa que al principio del ministerio público de Jesús su "fama se extendió" rápidamente por toda Galilea debido a sus hechos poderosos, como la curación del hombre endemoniado de la lectura de hoy. ¿Hay algo o alguien en tu vida por quien oras para que Jesús sane?

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**Did
You Know?**



The crime of child pornography

Child pornography is the visual depiction of a minor in sexually explicit conduct. There is some general public confusion surrounding the term “child pornography” — for example, some people believe that child pornography can be accidentally found while browsing the internet, or that the “children” depicted are actually older and simply appear younger. Using the term “child pornography” can also minimize the horrors of children being exploited for profit in this way. To learn more, read the VIRTUS® article “Responding to the Crime of Child Sexual Abuse Materials” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

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El delito de la pornografía infantil

La pornografía infantil es la representación visual de un menor en una conducta sexualmente explícita. Existe cierta confusión entre el público general en torno al término “pornografía infantil”. Por ejemplo, algunas personas creen que la pornografía infantil se puede encontrar accidentalmente al navegar por Internet, o que los “niños” representados son en realidad mayores y simplemente parecen más jóvenes. El uso del término “pornografía infantil” también puede minimizar los horrores de los niños que son explotados para lucrarse con ellos de esta manera. Para obtener más información, lea el artículo en inglés de VIRTUS® “Responding to the Crime of Child Sexual Abuse” (Respondiendo al delito de materiales de abuso sexual infantil) en lacatholics.org/did-you-know/. [Lea el artículo en inglés de VIRTUS® “Responding to the Crime of Child Sexual Abuse Materials” \(Respondiendo al delito de materiales de abuso sexual infantil\) aquí.](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/)